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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD  
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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Property Address: **1850 5th Street NW**  
Landmark/District: **LeDroit Park Historic District**

Meeting Date: **February 22, 2018**  
H.P.A. Number: **18-216**  
Staff Reviewer: **Brendan Meyer**

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The applicant, Jennifer Wisdom, owner of 1850 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW, seeks renewal of a concept for a new four-story, two-flat rowhouse at 1850 5th Street NW in the LeDroit Park Historic District. Plans were prepared by Jonathan Kuhn Architect. The Board approved this concept in February 2016 and delegated final approval to staff (Figure 1).

### **Proposal**

The applicant proposes no changes to the concept approved in 2016.

### **Evaluation**

By regulation, concept designs approved by the Board and delegated to staff expire after two years if a building permit is not issued to build the concept.<sup>1</sup> The applicant must return to the Board for consideration if they wish to extend their approval for another two year period.

The purpose of the renewal procedure is to make sure that approved concepts and delegations remain consistent with historic contexts and regulations and design guidelines adopted by the Board. Although rare and infrequent, historic contexts might change due to loss of historic buildings or the Board might adopt new guidelines that change the standards that were used to approve the expired concept.

In this case, there have been no relevant changes to the historic context, regulations, or design guidelines since February 2016. The concept design remains the same and is still compatible with the character of the LeDroit Park Historic District

### **Recommendation**

*The HPO recommends that the Review Board renew, for a two-year term, the concept for a new 4-story brick rowhouse at 1850 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW and to delegate final approval to staff.*

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<sup>1</sup> DCMR 10C, Section 332.2: "The Board's delegation of final review authority to the staff at the conclusion of conceptual review shall also remain effect for a period of two years from the date of the Board's action. After the delegation has expired, the applicant shall be required to return to the Board to request an additional two years on the basis of good cause shown. The Board shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of an extension. Upon expiration of this extension, or if the extension is denied, the staff shall return the application to the Board for final review."



Figure 1: Concept approved in February 2016